



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status

Attorney Docket No: GC-463

Application Serial Number:
10/33,862

Filing Date:
12/20/2001

Examiner:
Elizabeth Shaw

Group Art Unit:
3644

Invention: Absorbent Pad for Entrapping Fine and Coarse Particles, Retaining Liquids, and Eliminating Odors

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	69	MINUS	69	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	0	\$42	\$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 09/12/2003 to and through 11/12/2003, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

one month (\$55) three months (\$460)
 two months (\$200) four months (\$720)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$55.00

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A check in the amount of \$ 55.00 is attached.

Charge \$ to Deposit Account .
 No additional fee is required.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

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Serial No. 10/033,862 Examiner: Shaw, Elizabeth
Filing Date: December 20, 2001 Art Unit: 3644
Title: ABSORBENT PAD FOR ENTRAPPING SMALL AND COURSE PARTICLES,
RETAINING LIQUIDS, AND ELIMINATING ODORS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 12, 2003 having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 12, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a request for 1-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 12, 2003. Please charge any deficiency in fees for this matter to Deposit Account No. 16-0478.

Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, Claims 1-54 and 69, drawn to a deodorant pad or deodorant pouch, classified in class 119, subclass 169.

Election of Species

Applicant hereby elects Species A: Figures 1A-C, two layer pad.

Listing of Claims 1-6, 20, 29-31, 33, 36, 41-42, 45, and 47 readable on Species A:

Claim 1: A particle entrapment pad comprising an impervious bottom layer and a high loft non-woven top layer.

Claim 2: The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 3: The pad of claim 2 wherein said cling enhancing substance is an oil.

Claim 4: The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 5: The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 6: The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 20: The pad of claim 1, wherein said pad is used in the vicinity of a litter box to prevent the scatter of cat litter.

Claim 29: The pad of claim 1, wherein said pad is used in workshops to catch debris.

Claim 30: The pad of claim 1, wherein said pad is used in offices to collect dust from office appliances.

Claim 31: The pad of claim 1, wherein said pad is used in the vicinity of a pet food dish.

Claim 33: The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used in the vicinity of a pet food or pet water dish.

Claim 36: A particle entrapment pad comprising an impervious bottom layer and a high loft non-woven top layer, wherein said top layer includes a plurality of cat litter particles entrapped within a matrix of said non-woven.

Claim 41: The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 42: The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 45: The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an antimicrobial agent.

Claim 47: The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 10, 2003

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